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## Hispanic Heritage art on display

HOLYOKE — El Corazón / The Heart of Holyoke Placemaking announced two early fall virtual events today. One occurred on Tuesday, Sept. 29 with a virtual event titled “¡Comenzamos!”.

The event will present the selected local artists which will be doing large scale photos on four buildings facing Main Street and a panel mural project on the corner of Sargeant & Main St.

**ART, 3**



## Wistariahurst to host virtual visit to Mural Project

HOLYOKE — On Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m., Wistariahurst will host a virtual visit to the American Mural Project as part of an ongoing live, virtual program series. The tour will be given by American Mural Project's executive director, Amy Wynn.

**MURAL, 5**

## HCC launches cannabis careers training program

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College and its new community partner, Elevate Northeast, are launching a revitalized cannabis careers training program in October for those who want to work in the industry.

The program, offered through the Cannabis Education Center, begins the weekend of Oct. 17-18 with two days of required core curriculum training over Zoom.

Each day will be broken down into two sessions, 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Each session will include presentations from cannabis industry experts followed by a question and answer period.

**CANNABIS, 5**

## Two facing neglect charges

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE — The Holyoke Soldiers Home is back in the limelight again since Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announced Superintendent Bennett Walsh and the former medical director of the facility David Clinton were indicted by a grand jury for criminal neglect.

That was just one headline during the past week as a judge also ruled that Walsh's ouster by Gov. Charlie Baker was improper.

The judge ruled Baker did not have the authority to dismiss Walsh from his position, and that task must be completed by the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Home.

That board was set to meet on Wednesday night, but Board Chairman Kevin Jourdain, the former president of the Holyoke City Council, said Walsh's situation would be discussed in executive session, and there no plans to reveal any type of decision on Wednesday night.

No further news was made available as of press time.

Walsh was originally on the hot seat when a COVID-19 outbreak occurred in the facility in April. The outbreak resulted in the death 76 veteran residents of the facility, as well as numer-

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## Major heroin seizure results in multiple arrests



More than 94,000 bags of heroin were seized in a drug bust that occurred on Monday night. Several locations in Holyoke were part of the search and seizure of the illegal substances.

*Submitted photo*

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HOLYOKE — The Hampden County District Attorney's office announced Tuesday it had made multiple arrests in a major heroin seizure on Monday night.

District Attorney Anthony Gulluni secured warrants for sites in Springfield and Holyoke, and charge five people. They are: Miguel Martinez Pinto, 40, of Springfield; David Vazquez-Roman, 34, of Springfield; Natividad Pagan, 58, of Chicopee; Carlos Leon, 52, of Springfield, all charged with trafficking in heroin; and Santiago Ruiz, 41, of Springfield, charged with heroin possession.

According to a press release from spokesperson James Leydon, “after a months-long investigation

that involved many agencies and assistant district attorneys from the Hampden District Attorney's Office, investigators with the Massachusetts State Police's Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction Enforcement Team (CINRET), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI-Springfield, along with the detectives from the Springfield, Holyoke, and Westfield Police Departments and Hampden County Sheriff's Department were granted search and arrest warrants in connection with a large scale heroin trafficking operation in and around Springfield.”

Leydon stated the arrests were the culmination of great teamwork and a lengthy investigation by all the departments involved.

“Intelligence was developed by members of law

enforcement and search warrants were granted for several locations in Springfield and Holyoke,” Leydon stated. “Locations included in the search warrants were: 1978 Page Boulevard, 140 Michon Street, 61 Acushnet Avenue, 23 Ashley Street, 79 Central Street, all in Springfield, 249 Oak Street in Holyoke and a 2000 Ford Ranger.”

Leydon stated 94,274 bags of heroin, \$120,000 of U.S. Currency, and three firearms were seized by officials. The estimated amount of heroin in the seized bags of heroin is 1.885 kilograms of heroin.

Gulluni expressed pride in the investigation.

“Despite challenging circumstances,” Gulluni said. “We continue to focus our resources on the most harmful offenders in order to keep

*See SEIZURE, page 6*

## Recall election proposal gaining momentum

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engaged with any students he was directly teaching.

Holyoke councilors filed several orders, among them seeking the results of the investigation by UMass to see if further action is needed.

In association with the order, Councilors Michael Sullivan, Linda Vacon, David Bartley, and Howard Greaney, Jr., have filed an order asking for the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation to have a process of recalling elected officials in the city.

Currently, there is no provision for holding recall elections in Holyoke, which means a mayor or other elected official cannot be removed from office by that process.



The proposal states 250 voters could file an affidavit and a statement of grounds to recall the official. The proposal includes an opportunity for a recalled official to resign or an election would be held.

In a recall election, the official being recalled has the ability to run for the same office, but would face competition in all likelihood. The situation occurred when citizens attempted to remove the mayor of Fall River due to criminal activity.

Morse has vowed to veto a charter change if it is approved. He was invited to join last Thursday's meeting of the Charter and Rules Committee and declined.

Councilor Joseph

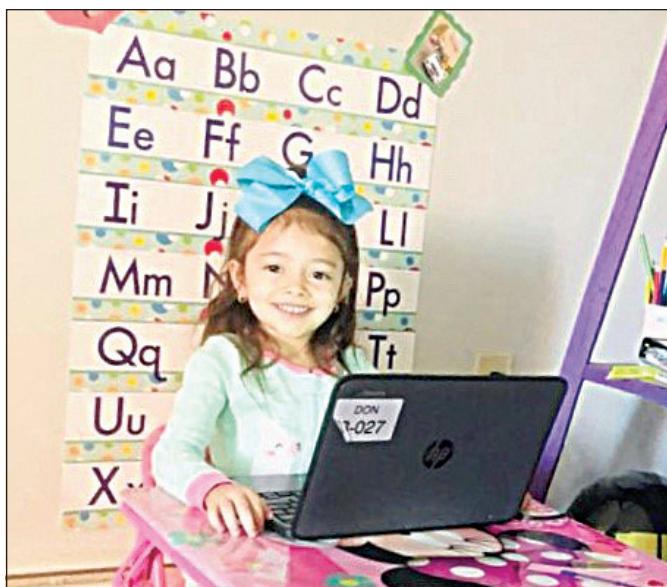
McGiverin made the first major suggestion for the recall election proposal, saying a resident should need at least 500 signatures to initiate a recall election. He claimed the 250 signatures in the original proposal would lead to abuse of the process.

Morse has one more year remaining in his four-year term as mayor. Morse has been mayor for nine years, but attempted to unseat long time U.S. Rep. Richard Neal in the Democratic primary last month. He was unsuccessful in that attempt.

Other thoughts from the subcommittee hearing included having petition signatures from every ward so it is representative of the population in the city.

In order to move the proposal forward, a two-thirds majority of the council must approve it, which is nine of the 13 councilors.

## In The News



### REMOTE LEARNING GOES ON

The Holyoke Public Schools are doing all-remote learning for the time being. Below, Ashley Schneider, a Pre-K teacher at Kelly School, works virtually with her class. We would love to hear from you. Email us your thought on remote learning and any photos to [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com).

*Submitted photos*



## Scouting is alive and well and accepting members

**REGION** – Scouting is alive and well in Western Massachusetts, just adapted to follow the restrictions needed to keep families safe during the pandemic. Traditional camporees and summer camp became virtual, as Packs and Troops also moved their meetings to the now common Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams video systems. Scouts have discovered they can continue to earn merit badges, camp, learn, and stay part of their Cub Scout Pack or Troop.

It's time to join, and there's nothing to keep a family from joining and beginning their adventure! Scouting has something for youth from kindergarten to 21 years old, and leadership opportunities for their parents.

Normally as schools open in September in-person signups would be hosted by Scout groups for families to join. Because in-person gatherings are signups are now on-line through [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org) where complete program descriptions can be found by scrolling down the page.

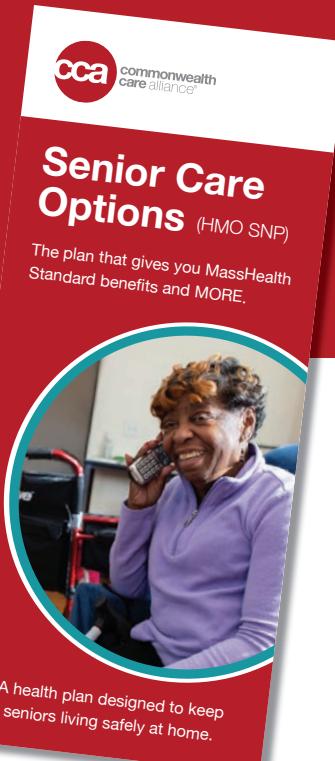
[www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org) lets families search for Scout units near them. The search by zip code produces a list of nearby Packs, Troops, and Crews that includes for each how to get more information about them, who to contact with questions, and for many units a link to the on-line joining application.

Most unit activities will take place outside or virtually. Scouting is dedicated to providing opportunities for kids and families to get outside, be

active, and stay safe while also participating in classic events with health, safety, and compliance with health regulations strictly complied with. Like schools, many units are using a hybrid approach

Designed for children of all genders between kindergarten through 5th grade, Cub Scouting combines team and confidence building, outdoor adventures, practical learning, and so much more.

The respected and well known Boy Scout program for youth 11 to 18 is now called Scouts BSA. The goal continues to prepare youth for life using the outdoors and advancement to teach ethics, citizenship and life skills. Scouts BSA Troops are either Boy Troops or Girl Troops and are not co-ed. Boy Troops and Girl Troops can cooperate, and often do when chartered to the same organization, in learning opportunities and occasional events. But each Troop has its own youth leadership and does its own planning.



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# Vendors doubled at Big E Food-To-Go Drive-Thru event

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The Big E Food-To-Go Drive Thru, sponsored by Westfield Bank, has expanded to include six vendors presenting popular Fair foods, Tuesdays-Sundays, now through Oct. 18. Hours for the drive thru are: Tues. to Thurs., 11am to 7pm; Fri., 10am to 8pm; Sat., 9am to 7pm; and Sun., 9am to 5pm. Tickets are currently on sale for Sept. 29-Oct. 4 at [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com).

There is a \$5 per vehicle entry fee and reservations for a specific time slot are taken online in advance. Guests may secure as many time slots as they wish per week at \$5 per vehicle reservation. The time slot process reduces traffic and provides shorter wait times for guests. A special offer to purchase discounted tickets to the 2021 Big E is available at check-out. Drive-up customers are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis when there is space available. Guests enter through Gate 9 and follow the directions of the parking staff to ensure a smooth trip through the ordering and pick-up process.

Tickets are now on sale for this week and the featured food vendors are:

Angela's Pizza  
Giant Mozzarella Sticks - \$7  
Large Pizza with Toppings - \$25  
Pizza Slice - \$5  
Big Kahuna  
Gyro Bowls - \$12  
Greek Gyros - \$10  
Chicken Gyros/Bowls - \$12  
Veggie Gyro - \$8  
French Gyro - \$11  
Butcher Boys  
Steak Sandwich - \$11  
Italian Sausage Grinder - \$11  
Fried Pickle Slices - \$7  
Calabrese Market & Grill  
Cotton Candy - \$6  
Caramel Apples - \$5  
Candy Apple - \$4  
Popcorn - \$5  
Kettle Corn - Small, \$5; Medium, \$7; Large, \$10; Extra Large, \$15  
Kosher Dill or Half Sour Pickle - \$2.50  
Bucket of Seven Pickles - \$17

Cinnamon Saloon  
Hot Cinnamon Buns - \$6 each or 4-pack for \$18

Fruit Smoothies - Small \$6 (16oz.); Large \$8 (24oz.)  
Chocolate Covered Bananas - \$5  
Chocolate Covered Cheesecake - \$7  
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Beignets, Funnel Cake, Fried Dough, Fried Oreos, Fried Reeses or Fried Snickers - \$8 each  
Toppings: Strawberry, Chocolate and Caramel - \$2

In addition to menu items mentioned above, many vendors will also offer soda, water and some additional sides. All vendors will accept cash or credit card payment.

Visit [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) and follow us on social for announcements of the vendors for upcoming weeks.

The Big E Bakery will be open all

hours of the Drive Thru. Enter Gate 1 at no charge for Big E Cream Puffs and Eclairs or visit after the Drive Thru by following signs to the New England Center. Pre-order online at [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com) and use the Express Lane.

The safety of our patrons is of the utmost importance and local and state COVID-19 guidelines are being strictly enforced for visitors, employees and vendors while on the grounds. Guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles at all times and wear face masks or coverings when ordering and accepting food. Once food purchases are complete, guests will be directed to exit the grounds via the Transportation Center to Gate 1 and onto Memorial Avenue. Please note—restrooms will not be open. There will be limited public portable toilets available.

A maximum of 50 cars per hour within two-hour time slots will be admitted each day. All time slot selections are final and are as follows:

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The Large-Scale Photo projects will feature:

Michelle Falcón Fontánez, a multimedia Boricua artist and activist from Holyoke, MA. She has created works in photography, film, theater, and installation art.

Emma G Mesa-Melendez, an artist through portraiture, her artwork deals with social and historical subject matters, and celebrates the ability of national heroes to inspire social causes. Her works include art depicting Agueybana II, Emiliano Zapata Salazar, Francisco Pancho Villa, and Ernesto Che Guevara.

Giselle Guillén-Martinez, a queer bori-peruana activist, DJ, and multimedia artist born and raised in the Western Mass.

Joelle Bueno from the Dream Collective, an ever-evolving collective of trans/queer people fighting for liberation for all, particularly Black, Indigenous, trans/queer people of color.

The Panel Mural Project will feature Frankie Borrero, Puerto Rican artist born in New York City. Other projects included working with Centro las Americas in Worcester and Pa'Lante organization and Fresh Pain Springfield.

All selected artists will be working closely through mentorship by Shey Rivera Ríos (pronouns: they/them) an interdisciplinary artist, cultural strategist, and arts administrator based in Providence, RI. Shey will also curate and create a Storefront Project alongside four local artists:

Justin Monet, Springfield native and owner of Art by Tenom

Carmen (Yolanda) Gonzalez, Holyoke native, and owner of Creativity Events/Art,

Johnny Miranda, artist, activist, and owner of "oOps!" an art business that offers art classes for adults and children, organizes art exhibits, creates murals, body, and face make-up.

Chelvanaya "Naya" Gabriel, a visual artist, multimedia storyteller, resilience facilitator, and ecosocial architect.

Shey will serve as a mentor to local artists and provide capacity building in the arts along with three local artists: Michelle Falcón Fontánez, The Dream Club Collective, and Jason Montgomery, a Chicano/Indigenous Californian writer, painter, and playwright from El Centro, California. In 2016, along with Poet Alexandra Woolner, and illustrator Jen Wagner, JRM founded Attack Bear Press in Easthampton, MA.

All art creations are planned to be installed during Fall 2020 and El Corazón / The Heart of Holyoke will host a celebration and virtual tour in Winter 2020.

The next event will be on the closing day of the Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., El Corazón/Heart of Holyoke Project will be hosting a virtual public forum on Cultural Place-keeping and the 'salsa' of Public Art, in which artists can learn what they need to consider when preparing to create public and community-engaged art. To attend, please register here: <https://forms.gle/YzVDEesA7ukQvt7g8>

El Corazón / The Heart of Holyoke is an exciting placemaking project celebrating the Puerto Rican Cultural Area of Holyoke. The project supports the creation of a vibrant Main Street with colorful banners, large-scale artworks, dynamic lighting, beautiful murals, food trucks and art festivals; a Main Street that reflects the vital culture of the surrounding neighborhoods; a Main Street that supports emerging businesses with safe and walkable streets. El Corazón / The Heart of Holyoke aims to develop spaces and places that are reflective of the Center City community surrounding Main Street and promote economic opportunity.

El Corazón / The Heart of Holyoke Placemaking project is possible through the generous support from community members in and outside of Holyoke who donated through the "Commonwealth Places" Crowdfunding Campaign this past spring. The crowdfunding campaign fundraised a total of \$25,260, which was matched with a \$20,000 grant by the Massachusetts Development & Finance Agency (Mass Development). The City of Holyoke, the National Endowment for the Arts, Holyoke Local Cultural Council, Mass Cultural Council, and our Artistic Director, The Center for Design Engagement (CDE) are key partners for this project. CDE is a non-profit community & design resource center in Holyoke, MA providing progressive design, innovative public art, and civic engagement, particularly in underrepresented communities. Key CDE personnel on this project are Directors Joseph Krupczynski and Caryn Brause. The City of Holyoke's Office of Planning & Economic Development (OPED) is the lead City agency on this project.

Other partners include Mass Development, Nueva Esperanza, Inc., Holyoke Gas, and Electric, the Member Organizations of the El Corazón Advisory Board including Enlace de Familias, South Holyoke Neighborhood Association, One Holyoke Community Development Corporation, Providence Ministries, Holyoke Media, Paper City Clothing Company, Radioplasma Podcast Holyoke - a Holyoke community media project, El Sol Latino, Holyoke Public Schools, and the Puerto Rican Cultural Project.

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ous others infected.

Walsh was placed on administrative leave while the situation was investigated. The Board of Trustees ought to fire Walsh, but Walsh obtained an injunction because he argued he could not have a fair hearing during the pandemic.

The governor's office then had an independent investigation performed, which faulted the actions of Walsh for the conditions in the Soldiers' Home. The report also deemed Walsh unfit to run a care facility.

Following the results of the report, Walsh was immediately dismissed by Baker, a dismissal he fought with former District Attorney William Bennett serving as his counsel.

Clinton would ultimately resign in late June as well as Secretary of Veterans Affairs Francisco Urena, who was also faulted in the report.

Since then, the state has put tem-

porary administrators in place and have worked to contain the COVID outbreak.

There has also been a movement to secure more funding a potential facelift for the Soldiers' Home, which is in great need of improvements.

Last Friday, Healey held a press conference announcing the charges to Walsh and Clinton. Each were charged with multiple counts of two charges: Caretaker who wantonly or recklessly commits or permits bodily injury to an elderly or disabled person, and a similarly worded charge pertaining to the alleged "abuse, neglect or mistreatment" of an elderly or disabled person.

The two were arraigned on the charges. Tracy Miner, a Boston attorney, is representing Walsh for the criminal proceeding in the case. She has spoken out, saying Healey should not be blaming the outbreak on Walsh and his administration.

The Soldiers Home outbreak is considered the worst in the country for a long-term care facility.

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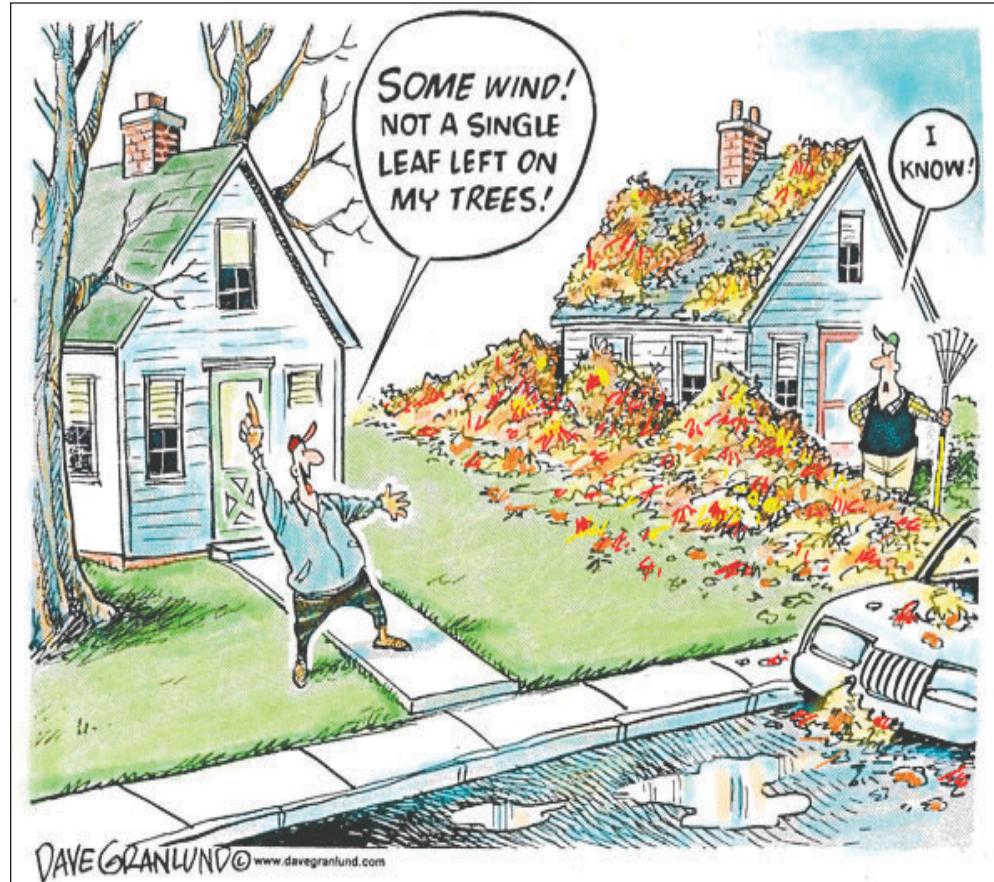


## Poetry Corner

### Beyond Pragmatic Thought

By Thomas J. Kennedy

Are you there  
No I am here  
I thought I was here  
No You're there.  
Wherever you go  
You take yourself  
with you . . .  
You mean I don't have  
to go somewhere  
or anywhere . . .  
Well wherever I go  
I know I'm just there,  
But sometimes forget where —  
Is that an oxymoron  
Or am I thinking through  
As my heart moves more than my mind.  
Well ideals are somewhat lost today . . .  
As I want remembrances to be  
Remembered by kindness in:  
Peace, love and joy  
As wherever you go,  
There you are.



## Letter to the Editor

### CPAC celebrates recent successes

Dear Editor:

I have just finished a three-year stint on the Holyoke Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC). My term was up and I decided not to ask for reappointment as I did my best to get this program up and running and I know the CPAC will have continued success. One of its present successes, which is the reason for this update, is the Stained-Glass Windows project located in our Holyoke City Hall. The windows that grace the ballroom/auditorium on the second or third floor depending on which entrance you come in by have been long overdue for repointing and repairing. The holdup, of course, was financing and unfortunately as time went by the need became more dire. There are 13 windows altogether with 10 of them being the "stars" or the main windows. The history about them is fascinating but I won't go into that here in the interest of brevity. You can go to the CPAC website at [holyokecpac.org](http://holyokecpac.org) and look at the Stained Glass Windows (SGW) FY2019 project for some of the history. If you go to see them in person, you'll see why they are considered one of the jewels of the City. The restoration started in 2011 with a condition

analysis done by Julie Sloan, LLC, consultant and expert in Stained Glass restoration, which determined that the time was now to start looking for the funding before something happened that was irreversible. The Friends of the SGW started and did many fundraising events and projects but raising the close to a million dollars that it would cost to complete the project was daunting. It became obvious that the project was going to have to be done in phases. In 2015, it just so happened that the Holyoke Public Library was looking for a place to relocate while the work on their addition was being done and the City Hall auditorium was chosen. After they left, as a gift to the City for their hospitality, the Holyoke Public Library Corp. donated an amount that was matched by a grant from the MA Historical Commission (MHC) and the first 2 windows, #8 and 10, were restored and installed. In addition, #9, 11, and 12 were removed and crated. At last the project was initiated and since then due to funding from the CPAC, MHC, and a state legislative earmark the project continues. Phase II is ongoing with Window #3, removed and crated, and #9 and 11 are at the studio for restoration and

will be installed by spring at which time #6, 7, and 13 will be removed and crated. The project is now into planning Phase III. Funding has been approved by the CPAC for \$80,000 with the hope for a matching grant from MHC, so that windows #12 and #3 will be restored and reinstalled and the removal and crating of windows #1, 2, 4, and 5. If Phase III is completed that will mean all the windows will be either restored and reinstalled or removed and crated. That is quite an achievement and a worthy project for the taxpayer funded fee for the CPA. Obviously there will have to be a Phase IV and possibly V but the end is in sight. Thank you to you the citizens of Holyoke for giving the CPA the ability to be part of the funding for this project and special thanks to Robert Peirce, PE, Holyoke's City Engineer who is overseeing this "Restoration".

Another worthy Project on Holyoke's agenda is the Victory Theater. Besides CPAC funding it will need funding from the Federal and State Governments. It will be an amazing collaboration of public-private investment and a boost to the region's economy and entertainment value. Let's do it, Holyoke!

Elaine Pluta

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## A Quote

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*"Love  
yourself  
first and  
everything  
else falls  
into line"*

Lucille Ball

## Guest Column

### The Garden Lady takes on fall questions

**A** gardener from Ware is curious about the difference between dried and fresh herbs. "I grew and dried numerous herbs this summer and have begun to use them in recipes. Why do you need less of an herb if it is in dried form? It would seem to be reverse!"

Fresh herbs, by weight, contain a great deal of water. Once dried, the essential oils, which is what gives the herb its flavor, become concentrated. Because of that, most recipes will call for only one-third to one-half of a dried herb if it is being substituted for a fresh herb in a recipe. To dry herbs from your garden, simply harvest a few stems, secure them with a rubber band and hang them upside-down in a dark, well-ventilated area.

A reader in Belchertown wrote in with this question: "I was surprised to find a small peach tree growing out of my lazy-man's compost pile. I am sure it is a peach because part of the pit is still attached. Can you tell me if this was just a fluke, or can peaches be started from seed that easily?"

Peach pits will often grow into peach trees without much work on our part. Simply



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plant a moistened pit two to three inches deep in the soil and wait until spring, that's when germination will likely occur. The variety you get may or may not be as great-tasting or as large as its parentage but it makes for a fun experiment nevertheless. Trees that grew from pits in our compost pile over a decade ago are still supplying my Mom with teenie but tasty peaches. Last fall I purposely planted some pits from some awesome-tasting peaches and luckily, one sprouted. Sometimes they take more than a year to germinate; maybe I'll be surprised with a few more next spring.

This question was posed by Marie who reads the column from South Hadley: "I heard once that you can store pots of geraniums and begonias in the basement over the winter. Basically you just cut them back and ignore them, then come spring begin watering them again. Is this true? I'd love to be able to save my plants for use next season, but don't have the window space upstairs to do so."

Sure, here is how it's done: Before you put your plants in storage allow the soil in the pot to dry somewhat. Then, cut the plants back

to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in their winter home. Besides the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp work well. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely. When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully repot the plant into new soil. Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For a bit of work you might be able to reuse your plants and spare your wallet! Besides geraniums and begonias, the method of overwintering can work with fuchsias, coleus, New Guinea impatiens and some of the new Proven Winner and Proven Selection plants. Good luck!!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

## Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the Editor have a maximum of 350 words. We require writers to include their name, address and phone number in order for our office to authenticate authorship prior to publication. Addresses and phone numbers are not published.

Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions. Libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks or defamation of character are not allowed.

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Please email (preferred) letters to [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com). Mailed letters can be sent to *The Sun*, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

**MURAL**, from page 1

This virtual tour of the American Mural Project's (AMP's) installation progress will share with viewers what AMP is about, how it came to be, stories about the mural subjects, a summary of AMP's current programs and activities, and what's still to come. Although a virtual tour will not give viewers an accurate experience of the mammoth scale of this work of art that is a three-dimensional, vertical jigsaw puzzle that spans 130 feet by 50 feet and will be 2 to 5 feet deep in parts, it will give viewers a taste, and hopefully entice them to visit AMP in Winsted, CT when that becomes possible again.

This program is free and is open to all members of the public, but has been specially designed to address the needs of area seniors, many of whom continue to be socially isolated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is supported through a Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 Grant to address, prevent, and respond to

the COVID-19 Pandemic that is administered through the Holyoke Office of Community Development and has been planned in consultation with the Holyoke Council on Aging. Additional support has been provided through NEH CARES Act funding granted by Mass Humanities.

To register for American Mural Project or any future programs, please visit [www.Wistariahurst.org](http://www.Wistariahurst.org) or contact Eileen Maginnis at the Holyoke Council on Aging at [maginnise@holyoke.org](mailto:maginnise@holyoke.org). If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to be considered for a future Wistariahurst session, please contact [info@wistariahurst.org](mailto:info@wistariahurst.org).

Future virtual programs will focus on a diverse range of historical and cultural topics including programs on nature, art, history, travel, and social justice. Upcoming presentations are set to include the natural history of the Pioneer Valley, the labor movement and women's organizing in local factories, and the history of Holyoke's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**CANNABIS**, from page 1

Students who complete the core training will then be eligible to register for spring 2021 classes in one of four cannabis industry career tracks: cultivation assistant, extraction technician, patient services associate, and culinary assistant.

A previous series of cannabis industry training courses offered by HCC and the Cannabis Education Center were suspended in the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"HCC is proud to partner with Elevate for the sole purpose of helping jobseekers get the training they need to

successfully enter the cannabis industry," said Jeffrey Hayden, HCC vice president of Business and Community Services. "At the same time, we look forward to enhancing and expanding our relationships with cannabis companies in Holyoke and other communities throughout the region. Our goal is to help individuals gain employment while meeting the demand of area businesses."

Dates for the spring career track training sessions have not yet been announced.

Cultivation assistants provide the daily care of the crops from seed to harvest and may be involved in cracking seeds, soil mixing, potting, defoliation, watering, pest control and trimming.



Wistariahurst is hosting a virtual visit this coming Wednesday.

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Extraction technicians work in labs assisting production managers in all aspects of extraction, purging, oil manipulation, winterization, distillation, solvent recovery, and quality control.

Patient service associates work behind the counters at cannabis dispensaries, interacting with the public, answering technical questions, and providing information to registered cannabis patients, caregivers, and recreational customers making purchases.

Culinary assistants are responsible for preparing cannabis or cannabidiol-infused products using a variety of cooking, baking, and infusion techniques.

The cost of the two-day core train-

ing session is \$595.

Elevate Northeast is a Massachusetts-based, women-founded 501(c)(3) nonprofit, created to support the Northeast U.S.'s growing cannabis industry through workforce training, education and advocacy.

The Cannabis Education Center is based out of HCC's Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development.

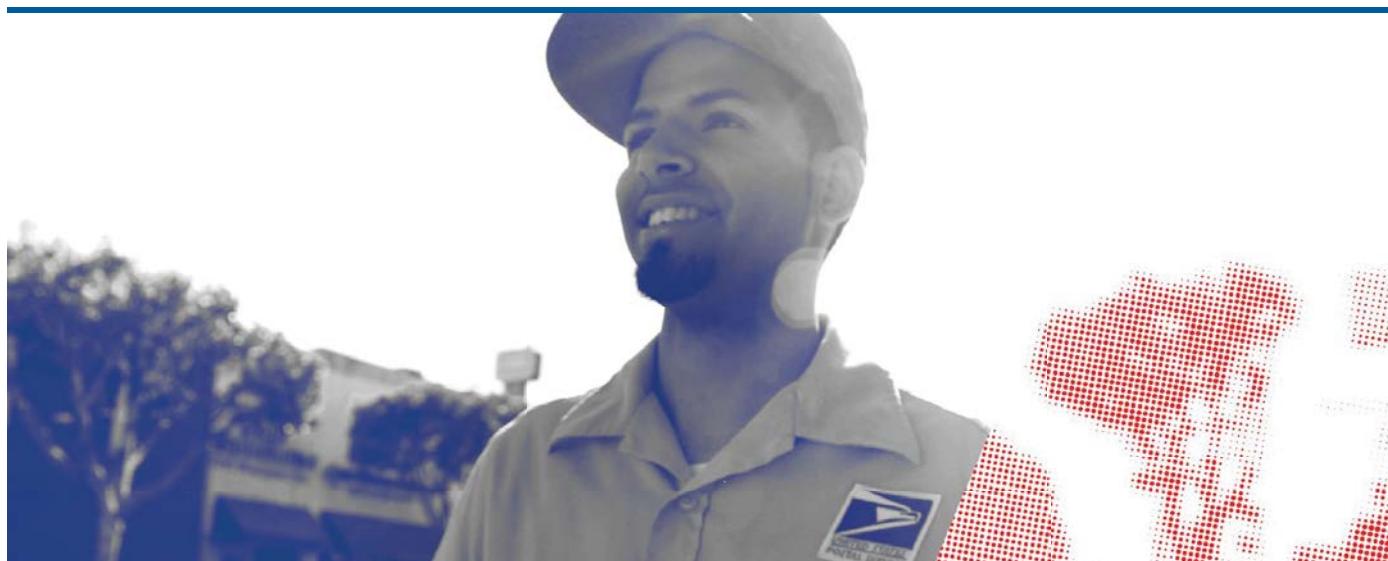
To register for Core Cannabis Curriculum class, please go to: [hcc.edu/cannabis-core](http://hcc.edu/cannabis-core)

More information on these and other upcoming classes and programs can be found on the Cannabis Education Center's website - [cannabiseducationcenter.org](http://cannabiseducationcenter.org) or by calling 413-552-2320.



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## In The News

# Open Juried Photography show announced, entries close on Jan. 1

AGAWAM – The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are very excited to announce their First Open Juried Virtual Photography Show. We are not able to have our annual show at the library, but we want to continue to share the outstanding work of area photographers. The show benefits the Agawam

Public Library and provides a platform to recognize and encourage these photographers. Awards totaling \$1340 will be determined by judging done on January 13. Amy S. Dane and Barbara Krawczyk, both well recognized photographers, will be the judges.

The show is divided into four cate-

gories of photography: creative, nature, photojournalism and pictorial. The entry fee is \$25 per entry up to and including November 30, 2020. Starting December 1, the fee will be \$30. If we have not received sufficient entries by January 1, 2021, the show will be cancelled and all fees returned.

All images must be original, made by the photographer, captured by film or digitally, and cannot be previous entries in our show. For the show's Prospectus and Entry Form, please visit [www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends](http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends). For further information please contact Bob Kadis at [r.kadis@comcast.net](mailto:r.kadis@comcast.net) or at 413-789-4814.

## FOOD, from page 3

Tuesday to Thursday: 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm; 5pm to 7pm

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Guests may arrive any time during their time slot, but no more than 30 minutes before their reservation.

The drive-thru is open to standard passenger vehicles only. All vehicles will follow a one-way route through the fairgrounds passing by each vendor. Pedestrians, bikes, motorcycles, busses, RVs, limousines, commercial passenger vans, oversized vehicles and trailers are not permitted.

What: Expanded BIG E FOOD-TO-GO DRIVE THRU Six Vendors

When: Tuesday thru Sunday: Sept. 29-Oct. 4; Oct. 6-11; Oct. 13-18.

Hours: Tues. to Thurs., 11am to



The Big E Foo-To-Go Drive Thru has expanded.

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7pm; Fri., 10am to 8pm; Sat., 9am to 7pm.; Sun. 9am to 5pm

Reserved time slots: Tuesday to Thursday, 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm; 5pm to 7pm

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Where: Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. Enter via Gate 9.

Tickets: \$5 per vehicle, for a specific time slot, purchased in advance at [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com).

In addition to The Big E Food-To-Go Drive Thru, Eastern States Exposition continues its re-brand-

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## SEIZURE, from page 1

drugs off our communities' streets. I thank all the investigators involved in this investigation, including those from my office. This is a very significant heroin seizure and dismantling

this trafficking organization is a positive development for public safety in the greater Springfield area. My office will now focus on a swift and effective prosecution of these offenders who sought to profit from the pain and devastation of addiction."



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Part of (abbr.)
- 4. Persons
- 9. Moved with a curving trajectory
- 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Cause to feel embarrassed
- 16. Type of toast
- 17. Bobby \_\_\_, NHL champ
- 18. Analogies
- 20. Mixes
- 22. Beloved flowers
- 23. Clinton special prosecutor
- 24. Avoids
- 28. Innermost brain membrane: \_\_ mater
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Remain as is
- 31. One who's been canonized
- 33. Indian king or prince
- 37. The Bay State
- 38. Forms adjectives
- 39. Give off
- 41. Partner to flow
- 42. Biblical Sumerian city
- 43. Popular clothing material
- 44. Organism parts
- 46. Central US Native American people
- 49. Blood type
- 50. Wrath
- 51. Perennial tropical grass
- 55. Vetches
- 58. Buffaloes
- 59. Envelope type
- 60. Tuberculosis
- 64. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 65. Pops
- 66. Indo-European languages
- 67. Fiddler crabs
- 68. Large bank
- 69. Not fresh
- 70. Scientist's device (abbr.)
- 32. Type of turtle
- 34. Leg (French)
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Self-doubt
- 40. Of I
- 41. Retired but allowed to retain title
- 45. Native Aussies
- 46. Some are on it
- 47. Clairvoyance
- 48. Broken piece
- 49. Wrong
- 50. Starts over
- 51. Where to hang clothes
- 52. One point north of due east
- 53. Gov't lawyers
- 54. Mass of eggs in a shellfish
- 55. Choose to represent
- 56. Work hard
- 57. Reciprocal of a sine
- 58. Smile
- 59. Express delight
- 60. Explosive
- 61. Journalist Tarbell

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## KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL BACK ON THE COURT



Alysha Izquierdo makes a spike over the net.  
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Jacqueline Jourdain tries her luck at serving the ball.

## GIRLS SOCCER RETURNS TO TURF

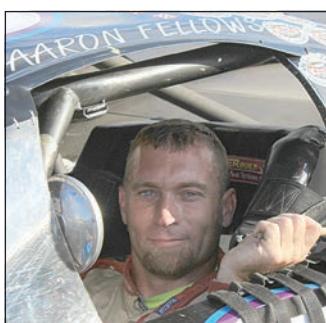


The Holyoke High School girls soccer team is finally back on the turf at Roberts Sports Complex, preparing for an abbreviated regular season. The season is set to open up early next week. Above, Jaylene Moquin takes the shot on goal.

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## Five track champions crowned at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH), Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA), Nathan Wenzel (Granby, MA), and Mike Douglas (Northfield, MA) each won championships Saturday, September 26 at Monadnock Speedway, with



Aaron Fellows captured the late model sportsman title last Saturday.  
Submitted photos



Nathan Wenzel, of Granby, won the mini-stock title.

Fellows and Wenzel both scoring Super Saturday feature wins on the final event of the season.

NHSTRA Modified ace Brian Robie had clinched his division's 2020 crown a week earlier but, strongly in the hunt for top NASCAR Division 1 points – he entered Saturday's event tied for fourth in the national ranking – the Sunapee speedster was third in Saturday's 40-lap main event.

Swanzey, NH hot shoe Todd Patnode, the speedway's Modified champion a year ago, moved up to second in the final 2020 tally by winning his fourth feature race of the year. Hillary Renaud (Vernon, VT) & topped the Street Stocks, impressive in her second victory of the summer.

The Heartbreak of The Day trophy went to Gordon Farnum Sunday. The six-race-winning Mini Stock hot shoe was an early-race victim, dropping him deep in the field and six points shy of a championship.

In the Modified 40-lapper, Patnode took the lead from Rookie of The Year Solomon Brow on lap 20 and never looked back. Brian

Chapin followed Patnode to the front but could advance no farther. Robie (Sunapee, NH) concluded his championship season third on the day, just ahead of Brow.

Hillary Renaud led all the way to win her second Street Stock feature of the season Sunday. Chase Curtis, who entered the season finale two points ahead of his twin brother Jaret, got up for second on lap three and followed Renaud the rest of the way to earn the championship. Chris Buffone was third.

In the season-long battle of the talented still-live-at-home 16-year-old twins, Chase earned the 2020 Monadnock Street Stock crown six points ahead of brother Jaret.

Aaron Fellows took control on lap five of the Late Model Sportsman feature and blasted away to his 12th win of the summer, finishing far ahead of Justin Littlewood and 14-year-old hot shoe Camdyn Curtis.

While Fellows had also won the night before to wrap up his 13th championship at Claremont, his 2020 Monadnock crown is his first title ever at the high-banked

See RACING, page 9



Moira Reardon advances up the field.



Megan Everett dribbles around a cone during drills.

## How to contact the Sports Editor

Have the scoop on a local sports story? Want to submit a team photo, pass along a potential story idea, or just find out how to get a copy of that great photo of your young athlete? Please send all sports-related press releases and information to Sports Editor Greg Scibelli at: [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com) or call, 1-413-283-8393.

# Big Money on the line in ACT-Style Late Model Show

THOMPSON, Conn. – Late Model drivers in New England won't want to miss a big 50-lap feature as part of the 58th Annual World Series of Speedway Racing at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. On Saturday, October 10, some of the top competitors in ACT-style Late Models will bear down on the Thompson high-banks with more than \$17,000 in total prize money on the line.

The race pays \$2,000 to win, \$1,200 for second, and \$1,000 for third with a minimum \$300 payout to take the green flag. However, the lucrative purse throughout the field isn't the only value drivers will be chasing. For the first time in recent World Series memory, drivers will also be chasing lap money in the Late Model feature, with most laps slated for \$50 to the driver who leads that circuit.

The total value of lap money rises close to \$3,000 with \$100 from the American-Canadian Tour (ACT) to the lap-one leader and \$300 from "The Dumpster Guy" for the leader of the final lap. ACT and Pro All Star Series (PASS) officials are leasing the track for the prestigious World Series in 2020 and running operations.

John Lesnewski, a crew member on Woody Pitkat's No. 91 Hartwell Motorsports Late Model, and Brian Tagg, a long-time competitor at Thompson, collected sponsors for the lap bonuses within just a few days after an announcement was

made by Lesnewski on Facebook.

"John texted me and said he was trying to get some sponsors together and I shared it, and the two of us just went at it trying to sell them," Tagg said. "It only took us a little bit over two days to sell them all. It makes it interesting... as a driver, you're always looking for ways to make it more interesting and try to draw more interest from competitors who wouldn't normally come. The purse was already awesome, and we figured we would spice it up even more."

Outside of the lap money, two additional bonus awards have been provided. The second-place finisher will earn an extra \$100, a donation that reads: "paying it forward in honor of generosity of Cape Towing and Salvage and Streb Chiropractic." Woody Pitkat, who won the Late Model feature as part of the Thompson 150 on September 3, also has donated a \$100 bonus to the sixth-place finisher.

"What John, Brian, and their teams have done to help support the World Series is great to see," World Series co-promoter and ACT managing partner Cris Michaud said. "We think this is going to be one of the top races of the entire weekend and one that fans won't want to miss."

For Tagg, watching what Michaud and PASS owner Tom Mayberry have done to try and bring Thompson back to the top is special – and he couldn't be more thankful.

"It's hard to even describe," Tagg said. "As a competitor, you never want to see your home track go away. When you have people like Cris and Tom... they didn't have to do anything. They are three states away, but they wanted to do what they could for the local short track... it's truly amazing."

The 58th Annual World Series of Speedway Racing takes place October 9-11 with three action-packed days of racing. The schedules include 18 divisions and series with the season finale for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour. Two additional open shows – a \$2,000-to-win 350 Supermodified 30-lap race and a 75-lap, \$5,000-to-win Modified Open – will join the Late Model Open on Saturday's schedule.

Outside of the Late Models, purses for Thompson's local divisions include a \$1,500-to-win Sunoco Modified race, \$350-to-win Limited Sportsman and SK Light Modified features, and a \$200-to-win Mini Stock main event. Full purse structures for all the local divisions and open shows can be found on the Thompson, ACT, and PASS websites.

General admission tickets are just \$55 for a three-day pass and are a hot commodity since Connecticut COVID-19 regulations have the track at just 25% grandstand capacity. Tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://happsnnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ/WORLD-SERIES--NO2QX>.

## Tri-County to hold golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, will hold its annual golf tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per player. If you're unable to play, there are donations and hole sponsorships available. The tournament will include lunch during the round, raffle, closest to the pin, longest drive, and a special 50/50 drawing. For more information, go to [www.tri-countybaseball.net](http://www.tri-countybaseball.net). The registration form is on that website.

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We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

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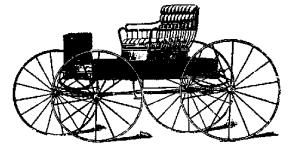
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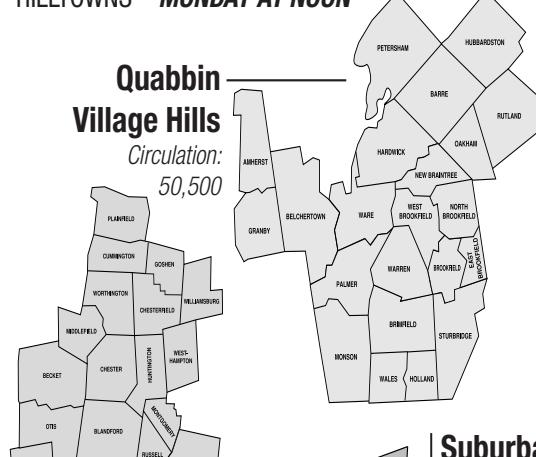
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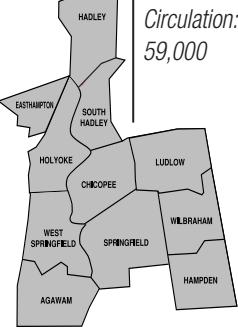
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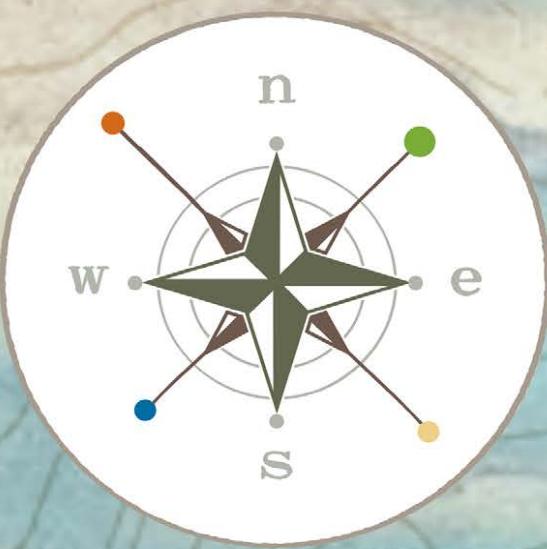
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